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On Dec. 17, Van Buren Township Public Safety Department presented the 15th-annual Shop with a Hero event at the Meijer store on Belleville Road. VBT Each year, Officer Ryan Bidwell has organized this program that serves the community and brings his department together with those from the Sumpter Township fire and police departments, Belleville fire and police and the Michigan State Police. VBT Public Safety was able to provide 20 families with \$200 dollar gift cards each to assist them during the holiday season. These families were chosen in partnership with Van Buren Public Schools. Meijer and Walmart contribute to the program. A similar event was held at Walmart on Dec. 5.

Chase Basham of Sumpter Twp. charged as VBT porch thief

Chase Alan Basham, 36, of Sumpter Township was arraigned on Dec. 22 through the 34th District Court in Romulus on 16 misdemeanor counts after he was arrested for being a porch thief in Van Buren Township.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said on or about Dec. 18, several

larcenies of packages from residents' porches had occurred in the areas of Roland Meadows, Andover Farms, and Country Walk subdivision.

Van Buren Township Police issued a Dec. 18 surveillance tape on Facebook showing a man carrying an empty box up to a porch on Cambridge Court in Country Walk

subdivision and then leaving with a box that had been on the porch.

Police said he apparently knew of the Ring doorbell surveillance because he kept his face hidden. He was identified as driving a black Chevrolet Equinox Traverse that stopped near the home. The suspect was wearing a very distinctive jacket, police said.



Basham

Suspect Chase Basham was charged with the thefts.

Basham has been arraigned on one count of larceny with value between \$200 and \$1,000 (1-year misdemeanor); seven counts of larceny under \$200 (93-day misdemeanor); and eight counts of taking, holding, concealing mail meant for another (1-year misdemeanor).

Chief Wright said Basham was arraigned through 34th District Court and his bond set at \$10,000/10%. Basham's pre-trial hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m., Jan. 2.

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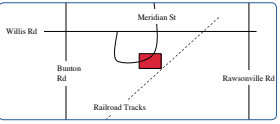
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Court Watching

James Lang, 55, awaits jury trial on threats to kill judges, VBT police

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

James Bernard Lang, 55, of Van Buren Township, is in the Wayne County Jail awaiting a Feb. 5 jury trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kelly Ramsey on a charge of threatening to kill VBT police officers and two judges at 34th District Court.

A final conference before the trial has been set for Jan. 24 before Judge Ramsey.

Lang is charged with a false report or threat of terrorism which will bring him 20 years in prison if found guilty. He also was charged with one count of habitual offender – fourth offense notice, a five to 15-year felony.

Lang was arraigned by 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack of Wayne and the case assigned to 35th District Court in Plymouth for a probable cause conference, which was held Nov. 8 before Judge Ronald Lowe.

Lang's preliminary examination was held Nov. 15 before 35th District Court Judge James A. Plakas in Plymouth and Judge Plakas bound him over to circuit court for trial.

The case was reassigned from the 34th District Court since Lang is accused of making threats against two 34th District Court judges and there was a perceived conflict of interest.

After calling the VBT Dispatch Center with threats to kill police officers and the two judges, Lang was arrested without incident at his Haggerty subdivision home in VBT on Oct. 21.

VBT Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain said the township resident, identifying himself as Lang, called the dispatch center with the threats several times around 3 a.m. on Oct. 20.

Lang began threatening police and judges over a recorded line within the dispatch center. He threatened to kill VBT police officers and two judges at the court several times during a series of calls to dispatchers and supervisory personnel on duty at the time.

Director Laurain said Lang has a history of past violence.

29th District Court Judge Mack set Lang's bond at \$100,000/10% with GPS tethering if released and mandatory alcohol testing, but he has remained in jail. He is being defended by public defender Jaclyn Brooke Pilcowitz.



Independent photos by James Oztman

There are six, cement balls in front of the new Belleville Area District Library being constructed on Fourth Street in the City of Belleville next to the old Fred C. Fischer Library. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy explained the balls are "traffic bollards" blocking the way so cars won't drive into the new building. The new library currently has an opening date of Feb. 8. The old Fred C. Fischer Library will be closed as of Monday, Jan. 13, while the move is being made into the new, \$14 million building.



Work continues on the inside of the \$20 million new 34th District Court building in Romulus, being constructed next to the present courthouse. Opening day is set in February. The 50,000-square-foot building has two stories and contains four courtrooms. There are separate areas for public, semi-secure, and secure places. The 34th District Court serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus; Van Buren, Sumpter, and Huron townships; Detroit Metropolitan Airport; and local Huron Clinton Metroparks.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

We've completed 25 years of bringing local news to you

Jan. 5, 1995 was the day we first published the *Belleville-Area Independent* and distributed it, free of charge, to readers in the tri-community. We have just completed 25 years.

We invite you to share in our celebration by coming by for a newspaper on Thursday, Jan. 9, and enjoying a cup of coffee or bottle of water, and sweet treats to mark the years. There also will be little gifts to share.

We remember how the paper started. I had resigned from *The View* because it got to be so one-sided. Maxine and George Heifner had gone to their vacation home in Arizona and my son gave me a computer to use. I wrote up a little report on what was going on in Van Buren Township meetings and took it to Belleville Print Shop to fax it to the Heifners. Ron Manley made some copies to put out on his counter for customers to read – and they loved it. That's how it all started. Maxine got together investors, both Republican and Democrat, and we were on our way. Now, 25 years later, we are still telling everyone what's happening.

Over the years – this time thanks to the efforts of Diane Madigan -- we added reporting on local felonies at 34th District Court. A half-dozen other papers have tried to take us out over the years, but failed. We keep on keeping on.

This paper has always been for you and we'd like you to help us celebrate.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader said he was eating inside Burger King on Belleville Road on Dec. 22 when he witnessed an incident that warmed his heart. He said a special employee was wiping off tables when she noticed a customer come in with her adult son. The lady customer was wearing a Santa hat.

The female wiping the tables stopped and told the lady how nice her Santa hat was. The woman then took the hat off her head and gave it to the employee, who promptly put it on her own head, with a big smile.

It's the little things.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, at about 7:24 a.m., we heard a report on the police/fire scanner about a fire at the Sheridan Hotel, 8000 Merriman, in Romulus. It was noted there was construction there.

After a while, the Romulus Fire Department reported that the elevator wasn't running and fire fighters walked up the stairs to the ninth and tenth floors to check. There was no fire.

Van Buren Township Trustee Paul White reports that his granddaughter Sarah White has been selected by her station in Kalamazoo to be sent as videographer with a reporter to the Democratic Caucus in Iowa in February.

Sarah also was the videographer for President Trump's Dec. 18 Christmas Rally at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

She works for WWMT Channel 3 – CBS in Kalamazoo.

There have been published reports on the New Boston Pharmacy, 19162 Huron River Drive in downtown New Boston that closed



last summer. Recently ten people have been charged with billing insurance companies for more than \$46 million for prescriptions that didn't exist in 26 pharmacies in 15 cities in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. It's a long, involved case that includes activity from January 2014 to November 2019. The owner of the New Boston Pharmacy is listed as Mohamad Abou-Khodr. If you didn't fill your prescriptions at that pharmacy, you are blessed.

According to a report in *The Eagle* newspaper, members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved pay raises for township employees, but declined any pay raises for themselves.

AFSCME members get 2.5% in years 2020 and 2021 and 2% in 2022 and 2023. The board also approved 2.5% for 2020 and 2021 for the Technical Professional and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) and a 2% raise for TPOAM in 2022. Full-time, non-union employees received a 2.5% raise for 2020.

Can't help but smile at the two "reindeer" put together by Contract Welding and Fabricating at 385 Sumpter Rd. in Belleville. You need to see them at night. Each reindeer has a lighted, bright red nose.

We know that some people like to take family drives around town to see the special lighted holiday houses that won awards

from the city council judges. We hope they can find all eight places this year. Usually there are five, but some council members this year said there are too many beautiful displays that they couldn't just pick one and three councilmembers picked two.

Several people said they bought annual passes to the Huron Clinton Metroparks for Christmas gifts and for themselves. They said they read in the *Independent* that prices were going up in January so they acted early.

Also, they are not real sure the E. Huron River Drive bridge over the Huron River near Haggerty Road won't be shut down for repairs suddenly, like the county did to the bridge in New Boston. That one was down for two years.

The Huron River Drive bridge is right next to the Metropark entrance, so those needing to cross the river going east or west, could go through the Metropark to get around the closure, if it happens.

That's the bridge that VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara has asked the county to widen for his Iron Bell Trail route through the township. They were going to work on the bridge anyway and they also may be widening it which should take a little time.



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Letters

We received more Toys for Tots than ever

Dear Toys for Tots donators,

Thanks to all of you donators for this year's U.S. Marines Corps Toys for Tots toy drive. We have never received so many toys here at the *Belleville-Area Independent*. Your donations put smiles on a lot of deserving kids.

Thanks again for your generous donations.

James Otzman
 Production Manager
Belleville-Area Independent newspaper

Please consider voting in person in 2020 election

To the editor and the people of Sumpter Township:

I hope everyone had a happy holiday and new year. For me, I am doing great and looking forward to a great year in 2020 for the people of Sumpter Township. Thank you to everyone who has offered kind words and been so supportive in my plans to make Sumpter a better place. You are all in my prayers and I know someone is up there helping to guide me in the right direction for you all to have the best life that you can.

I really enjoyed my time at the Sumpter Township Senior Christmas Party in early December. I had the opportunity to speak with a lot of senior residents of Sumpter and it made me feel very good that so many people were excited to meet me in person. I am happy to move forward with the seniors.

I had a very concerning conversation with one of the seniors who works at the polls. She validated what another person told me earlier at the Democratic Christmas Party: I will never win in the election if I am unable to stop a longtime appointed official from throwing away absentee ballots. I was told that when Sheena Barnes ran for Clerk last election, hundreds of absentee ballots cast in her name were discarded. Later, I asked Sheena personally if this was true, and she confirmed that Maria Beaudrie approached her after a board meeting and explained that it is absolutely true that hundreds of her votes were thrown away. I knew Sumpter Township had its faults, but it may be much worse than we ever thought.

I am working very hard on the issue with absentee ballots. I have been researching all the different ways to handle this threat, but I also intend to invest in two vehicles in each precinct to transport homebound and immobile residents directly to the polls. I encourage anyone and everyone to consider voting in person this election to minimize incidents which could result from absentee voting.

I promise you that I will do my best to take care of the people, seniors, young adults, fire department and bring Sumpter

Township forward for a better tomorrow.

Nelson S. Po

Sumpter Township

Any comments are appreciated and you can send me a note here: P.O. Box 2293, Belleville, MI 48112 or to NelsonPo8822@gmail.com.

Letter writer concerned about plight of farmer

To the editor:

This is in response to the story about Dennis Wilkin of Saline in the Dec. 19 *Independent*.

I was brought up to believe farmers are the backbone of this country. This quote comes from Benjamin Franklin: “Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.”

Concerned Van Buren Township Resident

Thank you, St. Jude

Thank you, St. Jude:

Thank you for answering my prayers.
 Peace and Prayers for a great 2020.
 C.J.P.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Monday, Jan. 13** – The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Media Center in Sumpter Township is at 10 a.m. The Media Center is located directly across Sumpter Road from the Sumpter Township Hall. It is the new branch for the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Saturday, Jan. 18** – Wild Game Dinner at Wayne County Fairgrounds Dining Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., appetizers at 6:30 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. \$40 per person.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 28** – Caregiver Cafe is set from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Head Start Library at Haggerty School, 13770 Haggerty Rd. Bring questions on foster grandparenting vs. guardianship, financial options for seniors/relatives, support services for families, legal issues, medical assistance, utility assistance, pre-education assistance. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Info: Monica Bancroft (734) 785-7708.

• **Saturday, Feb. 8** – Scheduled opening of the new Belleville Area District Library

• **Friday, Feb. 21** – You're invited to help bid the Fred C. Fischer Library a fond farewell before it is demolished. This all-ages Mardi Gras party begins at 6 p.m. and will feature food, fun, and a New Orleans-style jazz band.

• **Thursday, March 12** – Homegrown Knowledge presentation is at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. This time it's Jim Shrove presenting “Rhine River Cruise.” The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

• **Saturday, April 25** – Friends of the Library celebrate the new library at 11 a.m. during National Library Week.

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Obituaries



Nellie Jean Jaggers

NELLIE JEAN JAGGERS

(September 9, 1947 – December 21, 2019)

Nellie Jean Jaggers, age 72, Ypsilanti resident for 20+ years, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2019 at her daughter's home. She was born September 9, 1947 in Rural, Kentucky, daughter of Collier & Lucy "Edith" (Bowen) Taylor. She was a child of God, and put Him first. She attended Church of God, Belleville, MI, pastored by Ron Schubert. Nellie retired from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, after 16 years as an Environmental Specialist. She enjoyed playing Bingo and gambling.

Nellie is survived by 3 children and 4 step-children, who she loved as her own: Edith Jaggers and Chet Jaggers, Jr., Wendy Fincher, all of Ypsilanti, MI, Jennifer Hambric of Eatonton, Georgia, Tarra Hudson of Lincoln Park, MI, DeAnna (Terry) Mullins of Riverview, MI and Lisa (Carl) Peterson of Ocala, Florida; her beloved Pug-Buddy, 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 3 nephews, several great-nieces and nephews, her devoted caregivers: granddaughter Amanda Turner, sister-in-law Linda Browder, best friend Barb Kabeth and Kate from Arbor Hospice, also brother-in-law and sister-in-law Marion and Louise Fincher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Chester Jaggers, Sr., also two brothers Jay and Carlo Taylor.

Visitation was 11 AM until 5 PM Saturday, December 28, 2019 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Celebration of Life service was at 5 PM officiated by Pastor Curtis Reed. Cremation rites followed. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated.

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Sports card, collectibles show set Jan. 11 in Coldwater, off I-69

On Saturday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Quality Inn (formerly the Comfort Inn) at 1000 Orleans Blvd. (exit 13 off I-69) in Coldwater, there will be a sports card and collectibles show.

Dealers from the tri-state region will be in attendance buying, selling, and trading both sport and non-sport cards and collectibles. Featured will be vintage and new singles, hobby boxes, and supplies.

Entrance is free and the public is invited to attend. The public is encouraged to bring their items in for appraisal.

For more information contact Brian Mayne at (260) 824-4867 or mcs cards@icloud.com or on Facebook at mcs cards .

VBT Fire Department fights blaze at house addition behind Dunham's

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Christmas Eve, Van Buren Township Fire Fighters were called to a blaze in a structure on the east side of a wall behind Dunham's, the sporting goods store located in Lakeside Shopping Center.

Fire Marshal Dave McNally said he wasn't at the fire, but learned the fire started on the back side of the house in which the late Ken Askew once lived. He said it was in an addition and it stopped at the point it hit the original house.

This was not the house on the lake where the Askews once lived, he pointed out.

At the part of the house that burned there was an exterior heater and a light, but they were not on because the weather was warm, Fire Marshal McNally said. He said the property owner told him a couple of their dogs were outside and one of the

dogs has a history of chewing on things. He emphasized no heat sources were on.

McNally said the cause of the fire is yet to be positively determined. The insurance adjuster was at the property on Dec. 26 and another insurance person was due on Dec. 27.

He said the house is uninhabitable now, but will be repaired and will be used again

as a residence. The owners are living elsewhere now.

He said if you drive down the road, between Dunham's and Van Buren Park, you won't be able to see the burned structure because it is hidden behind the house.

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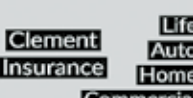
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Obituaries

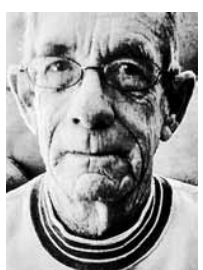
Wilfred Henry "Sonny"
LaPensee

WILFRED H. LAPENSEE
(September 4, 1930 – December 24, 2019)
Wilfred Henry "Sonny" LaPensee, a long-time Belleville area resident, died early Tuesday morning, December 24, 2019 at Arbor Hospice, Saline, MI at 89 years of age. He was born September 4, 1930 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, son of Wilfred O. and Marie (LaChance) LaPensee.
Preceded in death by the love of his life, Lula G. (Wylie) LaPensee (d. 2017). He was generous and uncommonly polite since her death, and has been a regular at local restaurants.
Sonny was predeceased by his son Ricky (Claudia) LaPensee (d. 2007) -- an Ypsilanti Firefighter and Transplant Donation Specialist for University of Michigan. He was also the dear father of Gary (Joyce) Foster of North Carolina and Connie (Terry) Sorrell, also of North Carolina; cherished grandfather of Sara (Shaun) Gilmore of North Carolina, Paul Dunn of Missouri, Brendon (Leia) LaPensee of Milan, and Derrick LaPensee of Belleville. Mr. LaPensee is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Jayden, Kennedy and Piper.
Sonny proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force 1947-1951 in the Korean conflict. He proudly became a U.S. citizen in 1983. He was a long-time member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, and most recently Belleville Presbyterian Church. He was well known in the local auto community. He worked for several years at Belleville Automotive Supply and Ypsilanti Auto Supply. He was a skilled machinist who could rebuild any engine. He did a lot of work with local race car drivers, enhancing the performance of their engines. Mr. LaPensee worked at Ford Motor Company and retired in 1995. He was an avid pilot and enjoyed restoring his 1957 Chevy. Most of all, he loved spending time with family in the Irish Hills. In retirement, he and Lula loved to travel, taking cruises around the world.

Visitation was Thursday, December 26 from 5-7 PM and Friday from 10-11 AM. A funeral ceremony was held on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 11 AM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville (734) 697-4500. Sonny was laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, beside his loving wife and son.
In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial tributes to either Belleville Presbyterian Church or the Van Buren Township Fireman's Fund.
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LEROY CAMPBELL
(March 5, 1938 - December 25, 2019)
Age 84, of Sumpter Township. Survived by three children, six grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 4 siblings. Service is 10 a.m., Jan. 4 at Isom Memorial Church, Sumpter Township.
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Terrance "Terry" Lamb

TERRANCE 'TERRY' LAMB
(May 2, 1944 – December 18, 2019)
Age 75, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at home in Superior Township. He was born May 2, 1944 in Lewiston, NY, the son of Clifford and Mary Ann (Collins) Lamb. On December 18, 1983, he married Betty Gunderson and she survives.
He served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1963-1968 during the Vietnam War. Terry was a member of Belleville Presbyterian Church. He was a pilot, a plumber working in the Belleville and Ann Arbor areas and he also worked at Mike's Hardware in Belleville. Terry was a member of the Belleville Eagles, the American Legion 40 et 8 and the V.F.W.
In addition to his loving wife of 36 years, survivors include: three sons, Charlie (Sara) Lamb of Jackson, MI, Joe (Angela) Lamb of FL and Alex Lamb of Ann Arbor; one daughter, Shelly (Bear) Fields of GA; ten grandchildren, Chelsea, Alicia, Alex, Zane, Jade, Brandy, Katlyn, Marlon, Brandon and Tony; one sister Mary Porter of Westland; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Mark.
The funeral service was at 11 am Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Stark Funeral Service with Pastor Keith Geiselman of the First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti officiating. Cremation followed. Contributions in his memory may be made to the family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family greeted friends from 10 am until time of the service. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

KIMBERLY KAY JARRETT
(August 9, 1961 – December 21, 2019)
Age 58 of Van Buren Township. Survived by children Crystal Toth and Jon Toth; sister Billie Jo; and 3 grandchildren. Veteran of U.S. Navy. Cremation has been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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JIMMY EDWIN JOHNSON
(November 18, 1974 – December 16, 2019)
Age 45, of Sumpter Township and formerly of Milan. Survived by his parents Jimmy Anderson and Kimberly Kay Johnson, stepfather Steve Little, 5 sisters, 5 brothers. Service was Dec. 20 at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.
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More Letters



Sumpter Township Treasurer Ken Bednark and Deputy Clerk Wendy Snook show off the equipment that will enable residents to pay by credit cards.

You can pay taxes in Sumpter by credit card

To the editor:

Sumpter Township Treasurer Bednark is pleased to announce that the Office of Treasurer is now accepting credit card payments for property taxes, utility bills, permits, and licenses. The office accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards. Payments will be accepted in person at the township hall, or online via a link on the treasurer's home page, <https://sumptertwp.org/treasurers-department/>.

If paying in-person at the township hall, payments will only be accepted by cardholders with valid proof of ID. A service fee of 3% of the total amount due or \$2 (whichever is greater) will be charged.

This fee is paid to the independent service provider, Point & Pay, and is not a source of revenue for the Township. Please allow 3-5 business days for your payment to process and reflect on your statement.

Payments may also be submitted 24/7 through our secure after-hours depository located at the front door of the township hall. If you would like a receipt for this method of payment, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your submittal.

The 2019 Winter Property Tax bills were mailed out Dec. 1 and are due without penalty by Feb. 28. Residents are encouraged avoid the deadline by not waiting until the end of February to make payments. For your convenience, the Treasurer's office was open on Dec. 31 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please direct all inquiries to the Treasurer's Clerk Erica Campbell at (734) 558-0193 or ericacampbell@sumptertwp.org.

Wishing all residents a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year!

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The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch, dessert, coffee or tea, camaraderie with old friends from our dear home town, and the fun raffle.

The event runs from noon to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 1 p.m.

To reserve a spot, send the following information to Lynn Gorman, P.O. Box 1781, Dunnellon, FL 34430, with a check:

- Meal choice: Chicken Piccata or Baked Stuffed Flounder;
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Independent photo by James Otzman
This "Defendants Crime Scene Mobile Unit" trailer was behind Barbara Miller's law office on Thursday and had some passers-by scratching their heads. It turns out the trailer was borrowed to help Miller carry away office contents as she closes up her legal office for retirement. The person who loaned it to the Millers said he bought it from an attorney who tried to get around some Detroit ordinance, but failed.

Obituaries



Linda Drzewiecki Schulz

LINDA DRZEWIECKI SCHULZ

(August 21, 1955 - December 24, 2019)

Linda Drzewiecki Schulz, age 64, of Romulus, MI, formerly of Marlette, MI passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at her home. She was born August 21, 1955 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Frank C. and Antoinette M. (Smykowski) Drzewiecki. Linda graduated from Marlette High School with the Class of 1973. She worked for a home health care company in Romulus, MI for about 10 years in the office. Linda loved watching wildlife and feeding the birds in her backyard, her Cardinal collection, flowers, reading, traveling and spending time in Port Sanilac by the lake with her sister.

Linda is survived by her step-daughters, Alicia (Chris) Edmiston, Megan Schulz and Sarah Schulz; step-grandchildren, Ayla Hudson, Madison, Rae Ann and Christopher Edmiston; brother, David (Pat) Drzewiecki; sister, Lorraine A. Sinohui; nephews, Chris and Scott (Christine) Drzewiecki and Derrek and Keneth Sinohui.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Schulz; and parents, Frank and Antoinette Drzewiecki.

Cremation services have been entrusted to Marsh Funeral Chapel, 2675 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453. Per Linda's wishes a graveside service for immediate family only will be held at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Donor's Choice.

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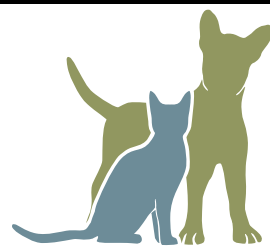
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Network Hospitals and supported by Pilots for Kids. About 400 guests enjoyed meeting pilots from Delta Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Piedmont Airlines, Sky West, and others as they passed out gifts to each child. The families also enjoyed crafts, Fairytale Productions photo booth, dinner, and visits with Delta Airline mascot Baldy the Eagle and, of course, Santa.

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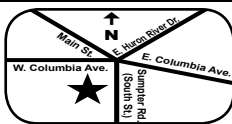
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Another year has come and gone as the calendar flips to 2020. I'd say it'll take me a month or more to stop writing 2019. On behalf of everyone here at the Independent, we say thank you to our readers and customers for choosing to run your advertising message with us. Some of you have been with us since we started publishing back in January of 1995. I love working with all of you and we appreciate your business. All the best in the new year!

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The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input and comments on the proposed amendments.

Proposed amendments to the current Community Recreation Plan include the addition of a Recreational Programming Plan. The Metroparks' Community Recreation Plan is being amended to address improvements in the way future recreational programming is developed, executed and evaluated.

A copy of the proposed Amended Community Recreation Plan is available online at <https://www.metroparks.com/about-us/planning-department/> and input and comments will be accepted via email at nina.kelly@metroparks.com. If you would rather view the plan in person, printed copies will be available, for a two-week public review, at the following locations:

- Brownstown Township Parks & Recreation: 21311

Telegraph Rd., Brownstown Twp., MI 48183

- Dexter District Library: 3255 Alpine Rd., Dexter, MI 48130
- Hamburg Township Library: 10411 Merrill Rd., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
- Harrison Township Library: 38255 Lanse Creuse St., Harrison Twp., MI 48045
- Hudson Mills Metropark Office: 8801 N. Territorial Rd., Dexter, MI 48130
- Huron-Clinton Metroparks Administrative Office: 13000 High Ridge Dr., Brighton, MI 48114
- Indian Spring Metropark Environmental Discovery Center: 5200 Indian Trail Rd., White Lake, MI 48386
- Kensington Metropark Nature Center: 4570 Huron

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Nine dogs rescued from two homes in Ypsilanti Township in December

Thanks to a tip from a Good Samaritan, nine allegedly neglected dogs have been rescued from homes determined unfit for living.

Animal Cruelty Investigators from the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) found the dogs in two separate homes in Ypsilanti Township the first week of December.

Tipped off by a caller to the HSHV cruelty reporting hotline stating that a nearby dog was skinny enough to see his rib cage and that the owners had left the dogs behind chained in the yard, HSHV Officers found three adult Boxer-mix dogs living at the home that was soon after condemned by the township due to the conditions.

The dogs appeared in various states of neglect without access to food and water. One dog had several large oozing wounds. In connection to this case, HSHV Animal Cruelty Investigators executed another search warrant on a second home in the area that housed six more mixed breed dogs and was also soon after condemned.

"Animals are completely reliant on compassionate and courageous people to help protect them from harm," said HSHV's CEO Tanya Hilgendorf. "Because of this caller, we were able to rescue nine dogs and get them the care they needed. Plus, in

so many cases of animal cruelty, there are also people in danger.

"During our investigations, we work with local officials, Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services so that all at risk can be helped. We are so grateful to the Good Samaritan who made this report

and to all people who go out of their way to speak out for animals," she said.

The investigation is ongoing, but all dogs are being cared for at HSHV and are receiving needed veterinary treatment, she said.

Metroparks events in January 2020

EXPLORER'S CLUB: ANIMALS IN WINTER

Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10 to 11a.m.

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center, Flat Rock

We will find out what our animals are doing to survive the cold weather. Some hibernate, some migrate and some are active all winter long. We will be going outside, so please dress for the weather!

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DAY: BIRDS OF PREY

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Birthdays

Dec. 28 – Erika Belinc

Jan. 3 – Jackie Dalzell

Jan. 4 – Paul George

Jan. 6 – Kim Dybicki

Jan. 8 – RJ Jackson

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They're reading the Independent everywhere

Jeff Jahr of Van Buren Township reads his *Independent* in Shinjuku City, a ward of Tokyo prefecture in Japan. He and his wife Rika were there in November to visit their nephew, who took a job and moved there after graduating from the University of Michigan in 2019. Jahr said they were expecting to see exotic things in Japan, but one familiar thing he wasn't expecting to see was a Lawson's convenience store like the one that used to be on Main Street in Belleville in the 1980s. At first, he didn't think it could be the same store chain, but it is. The first Lawson's store opened in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and the chain grew to about 700 stores across the Midwest before the U.S. locations were sold and renamed Dairy Mart in 1985. The Lawson name and blue milk can logo live on in Japan, where it is now the third-largest convenience store chain with over 14,000 stores.

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Court Watching

Ashley Vanburen takes plea deal on possession charge, reduced to use

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Gjerdonte Shermon-Rafeal Williams, 19, and Gjervon Rodney Williams, 25, were co-defendants and Gjerdonte waived his preliminary exam on Nov. 27 before Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green and was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 11 arraignment on the information. Gjerdonte Williams was free on \$5,000 personal bond. He is charged with first-degree home invasion, larceny from a building and interfering with a police investigation on Sept. 3 in Van Buren Township. His retained attorney is Brenda Williams.

On Dec. 11 at his arraignment on the information a plea was considered. A disposition conference was set for Jan. 6. Gjervon Williams was free after posting \$10,000/10% bond. He was charged with first-degree home invasion and larceny in a building on Sept. 3 in Van Buren Township, but at the district court session, the prosecutor asked that charges be dismissed against him and Judge Green dismissed the charges. His court-appointed attorney was Ricky Nelson.

Kayana Carmellkatie Thomas

Kayana Carmellkatie Thomas, 28, was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on June 16 in Sumpter Township and was in custody at the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$10,000/10%. Judge Green noted Thomas had been found competent.

Thomas’ mother had been waiting in the courtroom for three hours for her daughter’s case to be called, hoping to be able to take her home. She finally was told that Mr. Parker of Neighborhood Defender Services has yet to talk to the Prosecutor and the exam would be reset for the next week, Dec. 4.

On Dec. 4, the charge against Thomas was dismissed without prejudice by the Prosecutor, which means it could be refiled in the future. The prosecutor explained the complaining witness was not willing to prosecute and so the prosecution could not proceed.

Thomas was free after posting bond for the Dec. 4 court session and the bond was returned.

BHS at-home games

- **Friday, Jan. 3:** Boys Ice Hockey vs. Divine Child HS, 6 p.m., at Allen Park Ice Arena
- **Tuesday, Jan. 7:** Girls JV Basketball vs. Franklin HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Franklin HS, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 8:** Boys Ice Hockey vs. Riverview HS, 7 p.m., at Allen Park Ice Arena

Go Tigers!
Diane Kiessel
BHS Athletic Secretary

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 426 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 15:

0253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
0310 – threat, Rogers Ave.
0344 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1400 – trespassing, Denton Rd.
1619 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
1651 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1658 – family trouble, Beckley Rd.
1748 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1753 – road hazard, Morton Taylor/Ecorse Rd.
1843 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1905 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bradley Dr.
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1952 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1959 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd.
2018 – animal complaint, Beck Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
2017 – malicious destruction of property, Lacy Dr.
2104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
2201 – larceny, Bemis Rd.
2228 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.

Monday, Dec. 16:

0116 – assist other dept., Cody
0153 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0756 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0900 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
0903 – fraud, Berkdale Dr.
0959 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Schooner Dr.
1307 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1326 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1336 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
1451 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbor Ln.
1538 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1545 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1706 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1713 – domestic, Sylvia Dr.
1817 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pinewood Ln.
1830 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1941 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2116 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River

Tuesday, Dec. 17:

0026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0117 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0648 – suspicious person/vehicle, Assembly St.
0720 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
0805 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1057 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1201 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1306 – ordinance violation, Lauren
1314 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.
1410 – ordinance violation, Marlowe Ave.
1413 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1426 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1437 – suspicious person/vehicle, Freeport Ct.
1626 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1730 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1849 – larceny from auto, Cambridge Ct.
1941 – follow up by officer, Bradley Dr.
1943 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1956 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2033 – fight, Elwell Rd.
2052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2108 – domestic, Meadows Ln.
2125 – family trouble, Winchester St.
2244 – mental subject, E. Archwood Dr.
2312 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
2358 – noise complaint, Purple Sage Ct.

Wednesday, Dec. 18:

0044 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0106 – mental subject, Hull Rd.
0201 – road hazard, S. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
0313 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0446 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0745 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler St.
1126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
1201 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1307 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.

1448 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1551 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1609 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1654 – larceny, Cambridge Ct.
1748 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1806 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1809 – threat, Purple Sage Ct.
1906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1922 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Andover Dr.
1957 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2240 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2250 – threat, Tyler Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 19:

0036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
0139 – 911 welfare check, Daisy Blvd./Sumpter
0151 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0700 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0716 – larceny, N. Cumberland Dr.
0716 – larceny, Hanover Dr.
0717 – larceny, Country Walk Blvd.
0717 – larceny, N. Cumberland Dr.
0821 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
0919 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor
0949 – larceny, Jackson St.
0958 – larceny, Willis
1148 – suicidal person, Colony Ln.
1244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1252 – larceny, Andover Dr.
1308 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd.
1320 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1329 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1352 – ordinance violation, Sumpter Rd.
1433 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1613 – property damage accident, W. Walden Dr.
1716 – disorderly, E. Schooner Dr.
1732 – domestic, Sumpter Rd.
1812 – juvenile complaint, Rose Blvd.
1837 – malicious destruction of property, Edwards
1841 – mental subject, Bentley Dr.
1911 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Ryznar Dr.
1938 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2019 – larceny, E. Sadie Ln.
2107 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Dec. 20:

0005 – animal complaint, Van Born/Belleville Rd.
0404 – mental subject, Hanover Dr.
0415 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
0501 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Savage
0615 – motorist assist, Belleville/Yost
0852 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
0849 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
0927 – larceny from auto, Bellridge Blvd.
0942 – abandoned auto, Brookside Dr.
0951 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1135 – hospice death, Ash Dr.
1233 – road hazard, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1338 – ordinance violation, Maple Dr.
1404 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1448 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1515 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
1523 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1524 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1524 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1702 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1730 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1755 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1955 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd./Lohr
2124 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
2127 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Beck Rd.
2220 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2327 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 21:

0114 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd.
0127 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd.
0134 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0138 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
0249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Togowtee Pass
0423 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0559 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0618 – mental subject, Republic Dr.
0803 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0905 – domestic, Freedom Way
0910 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft/Hull
1132 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1157 – malicious destruction, Sheldon Rd.
1346 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1444 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1505 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1702 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1807 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1921 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1950 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2106 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2148 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Beck
2214 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2358 – noise complaint, Marlow Ave./Crowley
Also on this week’s log are 98 traffic stops, 26 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 15:

0230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1037 – motorist assist, W. Columbia Ave./Church
1453 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1808 – vehicle lock out, Carmell St.
2038 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.

Monday, Dec. 16:

1212 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1637 – suspicious person/vehicle, Estrada
2218 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.

Tuesday, Dec. 17:

0644 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1306 – private property impound, Belle Villa Blvd.
1407 – assist other dept., Locust
1634 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1842 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St./W. Wabash Ave.

1940 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, Dec. 18:

0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wexford Ave.
1145 – domestic, Potter Dr.
1320 – hospice death, Brain St.
1442 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1520 – motorist assist, Belleville Bridge
1929 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
2009 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia

Thursday, Dec. 19:

0157 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
0945 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bedell St.
1032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church of God
Hull Rd.
1152 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1254 – warrant arrest, Hogback
1517 – civil matter, Light Tower Ct.
1806 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
1903 – welfare check, Sumpter/tracks

Friday, Dec. 20:

0202 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1008 – vehicle lock out, N. Liberty St.
1017 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1131 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr. / E. Huron River Dr.

1612 – background investigation, Main St.

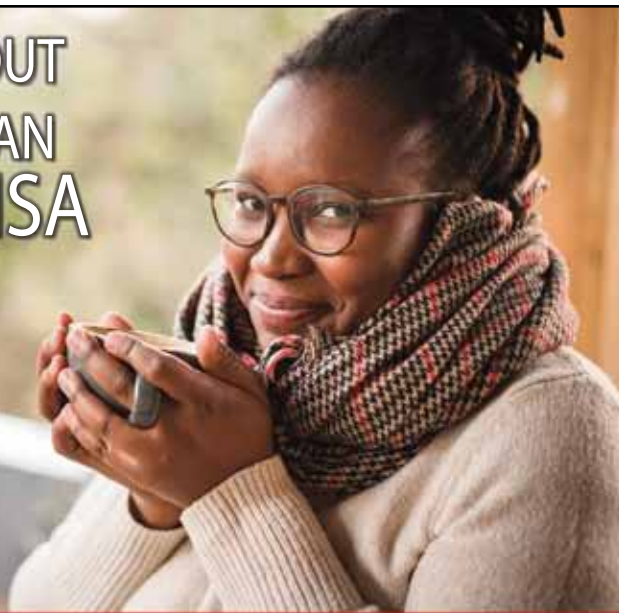
Saturday, Dec. 21:

0636 – assist fire dept., Anaheim
1715 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1939 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave. / Edison Ave.
2042 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Waterbury Ct.
Also on this week’s log are four traffic stops.

There are no dispatch logs from Sumpter Township because of the holiday.

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LARGER 5 BEDROOM, 3 Bath Ranch with Large Living Room, Fireplace, Solarium Room, Deck, Basement, Newer Roof, Newer 90+ Furnace and Central Air, Separate Living Area with Bedroom, Bath and Second Kitchen. \$239,900

BOOMING WITH ROOM



48024 BEMIS, VAN BUREN TWP
ORIGINAL OWNER 2,500 Square Foot Brick Colonial Offering 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Hardwood Floors Everywhere, Large Family Room with Fireplace, Basement, Huge Fenced Yard, 2 1/2 Car Garage. \$242,900

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2 POLE BARN



9277 RAWSONVILLE, SUMPTERTWP
ENJOY COUNTRY LIVING With 3 Bedrooms, First Floor Master with Master Bath, 2 1/2 Baths, Fireplace, Deck, 3 Acres, 2 1/2 Car attached Garage, Two Pole Barns This home was enjoyed by a car collector. \$230,000

PRIME LOCATION



41405 TYLER, VAN BUREN
PRIME LOCATION, Corner of Haggerty and Tyler. Opportunity Awaits this 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Home. Large Lot with Larger 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage. This Property could be the key to a larger development parcel. Offered at \$135000

HUGE DUPLEX



10106 WILLIS, WILLIS
THIS HOME HAS MORE SPACE THAN SPACE! HUGE HOME in the Village of Willis. Residential Zoning and now used as a Duplex. 2 Kitchens, 2 Baths, 2 Living Rooms, and 5 Bedrooms. Character and Charm plus Basement, 2 Car Garage and Large Lot. \$172,900

4,224 SQUARE FEET



23560 SUMPTER, SUMPTER TWP
RESIDENTIAL OR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Possible Residential, Day Care, Group Home, Apartments or Your Ideas Large front covered porch. Large Covered Patio & fireplace 1 Large Kitchen, 2 Apartment Kitchens, 5 Bathrooms. 1 Car Garage. A Best Buy \$225,000

1 ACRE + POLE BARN



17164 RENTON, VAN BUREN TWP
LARGE COUNTRY HOME on more than an Acre. Just minutes from expressways and shopping. Open Floor Plan with Huge Rooms, Wood Flooring, Fireplace, Rear Patio, Fire Pit with 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage PLUS Pole Barn. and the Best of Nature. \$199,900.

DREAM WORKSHOP



44280 DUNN, SUMPTER TWP
LARGE 2,700 SQUARE FOOT COUNTRY HOME on 2.24 ACRES with Possible Split. This home could use some updating but much to offer with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open kitchen, family room with wood stove, covered patio. Private Location with outbuildings. \$199,500

FOR SALE OR LEASE



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HURON TWP VAC CLARK 1.12 ACRE \$75,000
HURON TWP VAC OTTER 2.94 ACRES \$80,000
HURON TWP VAC BELL 2.48 ACRES \$75,000
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